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Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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In advance of prosecution, and in addition to the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 17, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Second Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent 03/15/2004 HDEMESSI 00000084 10713145

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abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.





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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal;
- 2. Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
- 3. One (1) Return Postcard; and
- 4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1712.00 to cover the additional claims fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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